

STALEMATE!

LEAGUE CUP · ROUND THREE · SECOND REPLAY · FULHAM VERSUS BOLTON

The long-playing specialists from Fulham and Bolton Wanderers bring their League Cup decider to neutral St. Andrew's this evening.

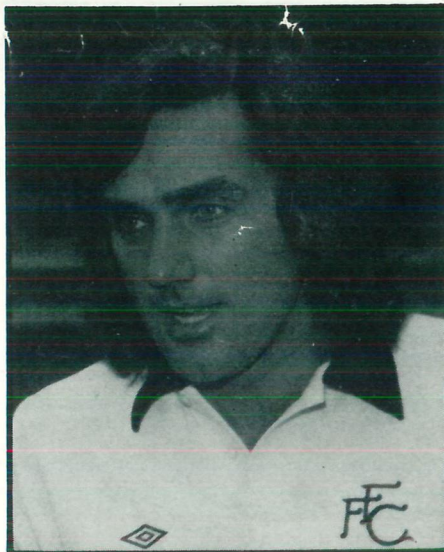
After finishing at 2-2 in each of the first two meetings, both clubs have cause to remember recent examples of long-running Cup-ties.

The memories are happy for Fulham, who met Hull City three times and Nottingham Forest four times while on their way to the 1975 FA Cup Final at Wembley.

But Bolton's recollections are not so good. They played Newcastle United three times in the fifth round of last season's FA Cup and not only slipped off the Wembley trail at Leeds, but also lost their league form in the last two months of the season.

They were top of the Second Division when first tangling with Newcastle at Burnden Park on February 14th and, subsequently, they averaged only a point a game and missed the promotion ticket by one point.

Both Fulham and Bolton hope to feature in the race for the First Division this season, but each with a very different formula. While Fulham are headed by the all-star cast of George Best, Bobby Moore and Rodney



Marsh, Bolton are building with their youngsters, although they, too, have big names in Peter Thompson and Tony Dunne.

The two styles have merged in classic Cup thrillers so far. At Craven Cottage on September 22nd, Best (*pictured centre*) put Fulham ahead in the first minute, then Roy Greaves equalised within two minutes. Peter Reid gave Bolton the lead in the second half, only for John Mitchell to take the tie into a replay.

Fulham, although without Best in the second meeting on October 5th, twice held the lead at Burnden Park through Mitchell and Ernie Howe. But Steve Taylor grabbed Bolton's first equaliser and full back Mike Walsh sensationally levelled the tie with the last kick of normal time.

There was no score in extra time and so we come to a third meeting in Birmingham tonight. The prize for the winners is a fourth round match against Fourth Division Swansea City at the Vetch Field on October 26th or 27th.

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Fulham suddenly became the team everyone wants to play when they took the imaginative decision to merge the showmanship of George Best and Rodney Marsh with the nucleus of the squad which went to Wembley in 1975.

Invitations to play in just about every corner of Europe flooded into Craven Cottage as soon as Best and Marsh teamed up with former England skipper Bobby Moore. The home audience loved the new air of excitement, too. And gates more than doubled almost overnight.

Fulham kicked off the season with an attendance of only 9,437 for an attractive fixture with Brian Clough's Nottingham Forest. But, by the time the super-stars were all together for the first time against Bristol Rovers, the attendance had soared to 21,172.

The Cottagers have also raised tremendous interest on their travels, doubling the normal gates at Luton and Peterborough and putting about 8,000 on Southampton's turnstile reading. We are also sure that the Birmingham public will indicate above-average interest for a neutral-ground replay tonight.

Normally, 5,000 would be as much as we could expect for this type of fixture, but we are confident that the Fulham 'road show' will push this into five figures.

Manager Alec Stock and his new assistant, former Arsenal coach Bobby Campbell, certainly deserve the congratulations for creating this interest within a club which has mostly lived in the shadow of Q.P.R., Arsenal, Spurs, Chelsea and West Ham over the past decade.

Mr. Stock, now 60, and the longest-serving manager in the game, has been an inspiration to Fulham. As the man who took men like Malcolm Macdonald and Rodney Marsh to star status at his previous clubs, he knows a good player when he sees one. He is also prepared to put skill above age—as he proved when signing Alan Mullery and Bobby Moore and putting them back on the Wembley stage only 18 months ago.

The Fulham boss has always been good at the economics of the game. He stunned the Craven Cottage fans, for instance, when selling centre half Paul Went and striker Steve Earle for a combined sum of £250,000 some years ago. The supporters suggested he was selling the club's future, but he argued that he was protecting Fulham's financial security and that he had other players for the job.

There is no disputing which judgment was correct. Went was recently valued at only £25,000 on leaving Portsmouth for Cardiff and Earle has spent most of the past 18 months in Leicester City's reserves.

Mr. Stock has also been in the sellers' market since signing Best and Marsh. Irishman

FULL

Back row: Brian Greenaway, Tyrone James, Les Strong, Rodney Marsh, Viv Busby, John Mitchell, Terry Bullivant.



IAM

Jimmy Conway went to Manchester City for around £30,000, Wembley centre forward Viv Busby moved to Norwich for twice the £25,000 fee that Mr. Stock paid to buy him from Luton, and former skipper Barry Lloyd joined Hereford for £8,000.

The departures do not seem to have weakened the Fulham squad which contains many quality players apart from the big names who tend to make the headlines.

Skipper Alan Slough, who was a Stock man at his previous club, Luton, has given tremendous value for the £45,000 fee that took him from Kenilworth Road after ten seasons with the Hatters. Now in his fourth season at Fulham, Alan has played in well over 400 games for his two clubs and scored

two goals from midfield during the 1975 FA Cup run.

Les Barrett, an England Under-23 international as long as 1967, is another vastly experienced player with over 400 appearances and nearly 100 goals on his record-sheet. He was top scorer in the club's 1971 promotion team from the Third Division and scored the Cup quarter-final winning goal at Carlisle in 1975.

Striker John Mitchell was another hero on the Wembley trail. He left his local amateur club, St. Albans, in February, 1972, and three years later, he was responsible for Birmingham's terrible Cup semi-final disappointment. He scored in the 1-1 draw at Hillsborough and also got the last-minute winner in the replay at Maine Road.

We could also see two other members of the Cup Final team tonight. Peter Mellor, the £25,000 former Burnley goalkeeper, seems certain to maintain his regular spot, but centre half John Lacy, a former London University graduate, now has tough competition with Ernie Howe, who was once on Crystal Palace's books and went to Fulham from Croydon Amateurs.

The full back positions have recently been held down by Les Strong, also a former Palace junior who unluckily missed the Cup Final because of injury, and Terry Bullivant, a 19-year-old Londoner who stepped in this season for the former Spurs defender, John Cutbush.

Other newcomers to the Fulham scene this season are John Evanson, once a £70,000-rated midfield man when moving from Oxford to Blackpool but shrewdly signed on a free transfer by Alec Stock, and Richard Teale, who was understudy to England goalkeeper Phil Parkes at Q.P.R.

The squad is completed by a couple of younger players—John Dowie, a former Scottish Youth international midfield man, and Tyrone James, a Paddington-born defender who played 15 League games on reaching the senior team for the first time last term.

Middle row: Barry Lloyd, John Margerrison, Ernie Howe, Peter Mellor, Richard Teale, John Lacy, John Dowie, Bobby Moore, Alec Stock (Manager). Front row: Ken Craggs (Coach) Les Barrett, George Best, Bobby Campbell (Chief Coach), Alan Slough, John Cutbush, R. Woolnough (Physiotherapist)



Two of the most memorable post-war scoring feats by Birmingham City players cropped up in games against the two clubs appearing at St. Andrew's tonight.

On October 5th, 1968, Jimmy Greenhoff scored four times in a 5-4 victory over Fulham.

On February 20th, 1971, Trevor Francis, then nearly two months short of his 17th birthday, collected all four goals in a 4-0 win against Bolton Wanderers.

It makes fascinating reading to look back on the last two Blues players to score four goals in a match prior to this season's similar achievement by Kenny Burns against Derby County.

Greenhoff was playing in only his seventh match following his near-£100,000 transfer from Leeds United, where he had helped the Yorkshire club reach the final of the European Fairs Cup in two consecutive seasons. The fair-headed, Barnsley-born striker had scored in five of his first six games before Fulham came to town on that October afternoon in 1968.

At the end of the day, a

crowd of 27,318 gave a standing ovation in honour of Greenhoff's four goals — and a magnificent match. But what they didn't realise at the time was that they had seen the birth of Malcolm Macdonald as a goalscorer.

Arsenal's present-day £330,000 'SuperMac' was then

an unknown who had been switched from being a reserve full back to an emergency striker in the first team. He responded by scoring in five games out of seven — including the match at St. Andrew's — yet Fulham hardly played him again that season and then sold him to Luton Town.

Ironically, it was the present Fulham boss, Alec Stock, who pulled off that masterful deal for Luton, who received 49 goals in two seasons from Macdonald and made



a profit of around £170,000!

We also sold Greenhoff to Stoke at the end of that season and, of course, he is still playing well for the Staffordshire club, having won further international recognition as an 'over-age' Under-23 player last term.

For the record, Blues' team against Fulham was: Herriot; Martin, Page;

Wylie, Robinson, Beard; Hockey, Greenhoff, Vowden, Vincent, Summerill. Sub: Green.

Some two and a half years later, Trevor Francis also wrote his name into the headlines by becoming the first 16-year-old to score four goals in a League match.

The unfortunate Bolton goalkeeper that day was a player well known in the Midlands — Alan Boswell, who started his career with Walsall and later played for Wolves.

Trevor was then in the midst of an amazing burst of eight goals in a fortnight — two against

Sheffield Wednesday, four against Bolton, and two against Swindon. His form, and that of the team in a late but unsuccessful promotion bid, was such that the St. Andrew's gate figures rose from 25,600 against Bolton to 49,025 against Cardiff five weeks later.

Blues' team against Bolton was: Latchford (D); Martin, Pendrey; Page, Hynd, Robinson; Campbell, Francis, Latchford (R), Summerill, Taylor. Sub: Bowker.



1.... 2.... 3.... 4.... IT'S FRANCIS!

TREVOR FRANCIS shot straight into the record books when he announced the Blues' intention to make it happen on the full. (Latchford rose to score four goals in a Football League match. And when he followed up with two more in the 1-1 win at Reading Town, that made the Posh's youngster's sequence ... EIGHT GOALS IN THREE MATCHES!)

Star Latchford and Derek Bowker, two of the greatest defensive strikers, are two proven managers who have provided a great future for Trevor, already on his League career for the season with a dozen goals in a mere 11 appearances. The picture story of Trevor's four-goal feat is reported here by Alan Jones. ... RIGHT: Trevor fields the ball over Alan Boswell before running on to land his opening goal. WELDER: Francis hits as half-past five o'clock's goal and it's his, the Blues' first. And on the next day ... LEFT: Phil Gossens' head came for Trevor as he scored his fourth. Trevor goes down the well-known Bowker for the magical fourth. RIGHT: Trevor in his favorite shirt after the fourth goal!



The team that carried Bolton to the brink of the First Division only five months ago was temporarily dismantled recently by a cruel spate of injuries and the transfer of two key players from last season's squad.

Only five of the promotion-chasing regulars played in the second League Cup meeting with Fulham 12 days ago. It was the result of an 18-day spell in which Bolton's senior staff was cut back by the following diary of events...

September 15: John Byrom, scorer of 113 League goals in ten years with Wanderers, signed for Blackburn. Byrom originally said he was retiring, then returned to Burnden Park, and was given a free transfer to his first League club.

September 29: Barry Siddall, ever-present in goal for the past three seasons, signed for Sunderland in a £90,000 deal. On the same day as Siddall's departure, Bolton lost skipper and right back John Ritson, who needed a cartilage operation after being injured in the Anglo-Scottish Cup exit at Partick Thistle.

October 2: Further injuries struck down the club's two most experienced players. Former England and Liverpool winger Peter Thompson needed specialist's advice on a knee injury, while Tony Dunne, the former Manchester United and Eire left back, was sidelined because of a gashed foot.

Bolton's catalogue of problems had started earlier in the season. Former Wolves and Scotland striker Hugh Curran has been out of the side all season after damaging an ankle, while Garry Jones, joint top scorer with 11 League goals last term, lost form and his first-team place.

However, Jones' disappointment did create one of the team's success stories. Steve Taylor, a 20-year-old striker who scored a couple of Third Division goals in a loan spell with Port Vale last season, came into the side and responded with eight League and Cup goals in 11 games.

BOLTON



BOLTON WANDERERS 1976-77

Back: (from left) Peter Reid, Garry Jones, Roy Greaves, Mike Walsh, Brian Smith
Middle: John Byrom (now Blackburn), Sam Allardyce, Barry Siddall (now Sunderland),
 Andy Slack, Peter Nicholson, Neil Whatmore
Front: Hugh Curran, Steve Taylor, John Ritson, Willie Morgan, Tony Dunne

WILLIE
MORGAN



Taylor was not included in any of the pre-season games, but scored on his introduction against Orient and has since scored twice against Millwall and twice in a 5-1 win over Hull City.

That was enough to put Taylor on top of the club's scoresheet—but only just in front of centre half Paul Jones. The 22-year-old Merseysider, who has been included in the England Under-23 squad, scored five times in nine matches.

In the last game against Fulham, Jones' partnership with Dudley-born Sam Allardyce (the club's 1975-76 'Player of the Year') was the only link with last season's regular defensive line-up. Jim McDonagh, a £10,000 signing from Rotherham, took over in goal from Siddall, while the injured full backs were replaced by Peter Nicholson, a useful utility player who came from Blackpool, and Mike Walsh, a young Mancunian.

An interesting story surrounds McDonagh's arrival at Burnden. When Bolton were looking for a deputy for Siddall last season, they tried to sign Tom McAlister from Sheffield United, but he chose Rotherham instead—and displaced McDonagh, who went to Bolton as Siddall's deputy and then got an earlier first-team chance than expected.

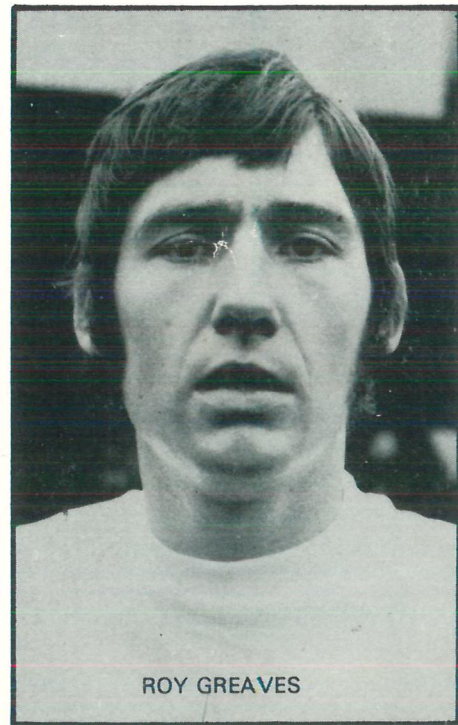
The most settled section of the team is in midfield. Roy Greaves, with more than 350 League outings in ten years with his local club, is playing at the peak of his form alongside another experienced player, Willie Morgan. The former Scotland international joined Wanderers from Burnley, where he had a short spell after his transfer in 1975 from Manchester United.

Greaves and Morgan link up in midfield with one of Wanderers' brightest prospects, Peter Reid, a former Huyton Schools star who won a regular place as an ever-present last season.

Bolton are also well covered in midfield, where they can call on Brian Smith, a local youngster who recently deputised for Thompson, and Alan Waldron, the younger brother

of Manchester United's Colin Waldron. Alan played in America for Chicago Stings during the summer.

For the moment, however, Bolton's main problem is in the scoring department. Neil Whatmore, joint top marksman last term, has not been so prolific this time, although it was around this time last year that he delivered the goods with half-a-dozen goals in four games.



THE TEAMS

FULHAM

WHITE SHIRTS, BLACK SHORTS

- 1 Peter MELLOR
- 2 Terry BULLIVANT
- 3 Les STRONG
- 4 Alan SLOUGH
- 5 Ernie HOWE
- 6 Bobby MOORE
- 7 George BEST
- 8 John EVANSON
- 9 John MITCHELL
- 10 Rodney MARSH
- 11 Les BARRETT
- 12

BOLTON W.

RED SHIRTS, WHITE SHORTS

- 1 Jim McDONAGH
- 2 Peter NICHOLSON
- 3 Mike WALSH
- 4 Roy GREAVES
- 5 Paul JONES
- 6 Sam ALLARDYCE
- 7 Willie MORGAN
- 8 Neil WHATMORE
- 9 Steve TAYLOR
- 10 Peter REID
- 11 Brian SMITH
- 12

officials

Referee: K. H. BURNS, Stourbridge

Linesmen:

M. J. SMITH, Coleshill (Red Flag)

A. D. LEWIS, Willenhall (Yellow Flag)

FOOTBALL AT ST. ANDREW'S

FOOTBALL COMBINATION

Saturday, 23rd October (3.00 p.m.)

BLUES RES. v BRISTOL ROVERS RES.

LEAGUE—DIVISION ONE

Saturday, 30th October (3.00 p.m.)

BLUES v QUEEN'S PARK RANGERS

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